

Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih IV on 3rd October 1997. In Vancouver - Canada

We are offering the *Jumma* once again today in British Columbia. The invitation of Mr. Lutful Rehman became an excuse to tour British Columbia who invited us to see what are said to be the northernmost American regions of British Columbia. I mentioned certain things about this area in the previous sermon. Although we were able to see exceptional beauty in some areas but there was also a feeling of its being limited. British Columbia is such a huge state that its landmass is greater than the whole of Pakistan. It is 925186km. Similarly if one were to combine the landmass of the 3 largest states of America that is California, Washington State and Oregon State their landmass would still be less than that of British Columbia. We saw a lot of things, many scenes of beauty were such that they bore a deep impression about the craft of Allah. The journey was very pleasant. Among the greater benefits of this journey is the benefit of the Vancouver mosque. I had mentioned that Mr. Lutful Rehman expressed his wish to build the mosque himself and though the promise bore some conditions as yet but he said when returning from that *Jumma* that he had made a solemn wish that Allah the Almighty would bless me and the same was the wish of my respected father so I solemnly promise and ask permission to build the whole mosque myself.

I never give the responsibility to a single person to construct mosques with the condition that none others should take part in it. So I accept this promise with the condition that be it Vancouver or the other Jamats of Canada or the other Jamats of the States of America if they wish to take part in it of their own accord then I permit it and welcome them to do so. The rupees contributed by the Jamat would be included in the expenditure of the mosque and the rest of the needs would be fulfilled by Mr. Lutful Rehman. I would also contribute towards it.

I have seen great progress in Canada's financial contributions: previously individuals used to fulfil the requirements and it was thought that everyone else was covered. The completion of a few buildings is the sign of the devotion of the few, however it is important for the Ahmadiyya Community that every individual should take part and in this regard there is a visible difference. Another benefit is that the financial contributions of people are also mentioned in the Lists which are made for *Mulaqats*. There were a very few of them who were below the standards of making financial offerings but it was their sincerity that whoever was admonished offered assurity that God willing there would never be cause for complaint in future. Mr. Chaudhry Ilyas is among those who contributed with sincerity in the beginning in Canada. He has a quality which I mention being found in Chaudhry Shahnazwaz. His quality was that he wanted to see those he trained for work to work independently and there was no hint of envy in it. In his heart he really wanted others to become rich. I have observed the same quality in Mr. Ilyas and I saw this right from the beginning. Mr. Lutful Rehman is the fruit of this same quality. Similarly there is another devoted friend called Mr. Wasim and he was also trained by Mr. Ilyas. Mr. Wasim offered \$1500000 from his own pocket for the construction of mosques in Eastern Europe. There too I placed the condition that others who wanted to contribute would not be refused. So that sum is now collectively \$3000000.

The Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) has drawn attention to answering the allegations made against Islam with reference to the natural sciences, medical science, and anatomy. The writing of a book on these themes was important so as to fulfil this desire of the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him) which would convince the intellectuals of the world of the truth of the Quran. These 3 sciences encompass every scientific subject. It has been Allah's favour upon me that even though uneducated I have been drawn to these subjects and I have always been interested in them right from my childhood and a great part of my life has been spent in trying to study them in depth. I have previously mentioned the book I am currently writing on many occasions which is in fact the gist of all I have learnt in life and is the sum of my lifelong quest for knowledge. In this regard I am pleased that whenever a portion of it devoted to a certain science was shown to a specialist of that field they never alleged that I have misunderstood it. This book is an expression of the fulfilment of the Promised Messiah's wish. I was certain that the world is in need of this book and I thought that if I could find \$100000 there would be ample opportunity to distribute this book to others. I never even mentioned this wish of mine to anyone. Yesterday I read a letter of Mr. Lutful Rehman in the car that he wished on behalf of himself and his parents to offer \$100000 for this book. I was very happy at this \$100000 because it was a wish fulfilled by God in this way. I have included whatever relationship I personally found between the Quran and Science in it. It is an effort in the cause of Allah and I hope that it would certainly result in an upheaval or turbulence in the intellectual world, this book is now almost completed and ready for publication.¹

In terms of the impressions I got from Canada there is also a negative impression. There is still a great need for moral training here. One benefit I get from meeting families is that I get to know from the signs of young boys and girls as to what direction they are heading in. The girls were attracted to shameless fashions and styles. It is regrettable that the mothers and fathers paid no attention to it even whilst spending their all lives with them and think that even if they received no religious instruction their worldly education would suffice and that they are very Smart. If you abandon your noble values then nothing would remain. Certain traditions ought to be adhered to as they safeguard our inner beings. If the dress is the dress of those who are the irresponsible in the society then all traditions are swept out because of this small difference. If one's children are not kept in hand then nothing would be left under control. Once the heart is under the Satanic grip and the foreign nations are considered to be far advanced then that is where one's religion is finished. Thereafter it is a matter of time as to when the journey of total destruction is accomplished. First of all create self-respect in your natures and have respect and regard for your traditions.

The world around you is totally meaningless and something unreal. Physical pursuits have destroyed this nation. We are all most certainly to go before God. It would be futile to come before him having lost everything. So give your full attention to moral upbringing. It is the responsibility of the Amir of Canada to appoint training Committees in all places and to try to create a change to purify the hearts and MTA plays an important role in bringing about these changes. The Ansarullah in the UK made a plan to install Dish Antennas in a large number of homes and with the grace of Allah the fortunes of these homes were turned. MTA has also deeply influenced America and girls have abandoned the outside world and undertaken journeys within the Jamat.

¹ *Revelation, Rationality, Knowledge & Truth*, (1998, Urdu: 2007). Tom Cox on *Revelation, Rationality Knowledge & Truth*.

Moral training would not happen through mere admonishment for moral upbringing requires expedience. Use your intellect to create a buzz in the hearts of children which draws them towards God. During the meetings when I casually asked the girls who I sensed were drifting away I discovered that they did not even have MTA in their homes.

There is also a need to pay attention to preaching. But when the moral state is so abject then what would you preach? Strengthen the morals of the Jamat and those exceptional morals would then attract people. Pay more attention than before not only to the training of children, but to your own training too.

With regards to the Homoeopathy book I have been mentioning this tour of Canada has favoured the whole world because I had the opportunity to read this book for the first time during this visit. It contains such horrendous errors and even factual errors that things have become entirely something else. I am astonished at the Jamat that they did not inform me merely so as not to trouble me. I have been able to study and amend it during the final days of this visit whilst walking and travelling, during the nights and during the day journeys. Important changes have been made to cater for the setting and Style and in fact the whole book has been summarised in the first couple of chapters. One person has stated that his name should not be mentioned. He would cover all of the costs of the publication of the next edition and that: *the book should be given to anyone in exchange for the first so that your heart is not burdened.*²

I have mentioned Gambia in the previous sermons and how this situation has kept changing. Sometimes it seemed as if all hurdles are over. At other times their practical two-sidedness became apparent in that the letter written to the Amir of the Jamat contradicted what they had stated on the Radio and TV. This deeply disturbed me. I had perhaps mentioned in a sermon that after severe distress Allah the Almighty granted the tiding 'Is not Allah sufficient for His servant?' And that I hoped that the situation in Gambia would change. As soon as the Maulvi there accepted the *Mubahila* [Quranic prayer duel] Almighty God humiliated him. In Canada too when I was perturbed at a similar news I experienced Allah the Almighty assuring me that 'We have stated *Is not Allah sufficient for His servant?*' The Minister for Religious Affairs [Buba] Bojang has been dismissed from office. He is still holding the office of Internal Affairs. I vow that none of our workers would return as long as it is considered important and in the interests of the Jamat to do so. I understand that whatever the opinions may be Allah is handling this case and the decision would be taken under His direction.

Friends have come to Vancouver from far off places and in such large numbers that the number of visitors have exceeded the number of the local residents of Vancouver. There are 585 men and women in Vancouver whilst the number of visitors is 640. Similarly friends have arrived from the far off States of America and from the east and west of Canada. This Jamat is a living and a sincerely devoted Jamat. No worldly power can destroy it. I pray that these devotions keep increasing. I am ingratiated to you all because seeing your faces sustains my heart.

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² *Homeopathy: Ilaj Bil Misl*, [*Homeopathy: "Like Cures Like"*], (1999, English: 2005). [Videos](#).